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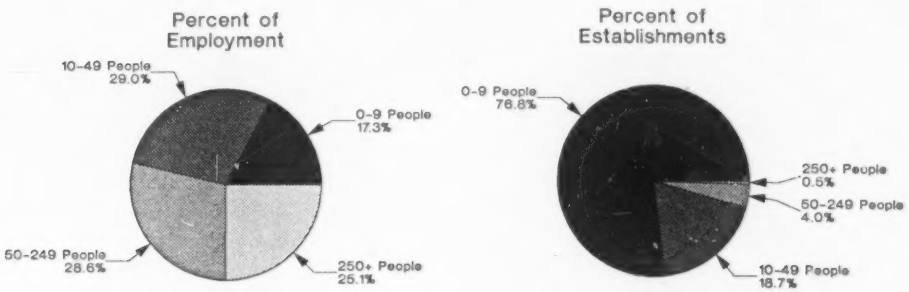
The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

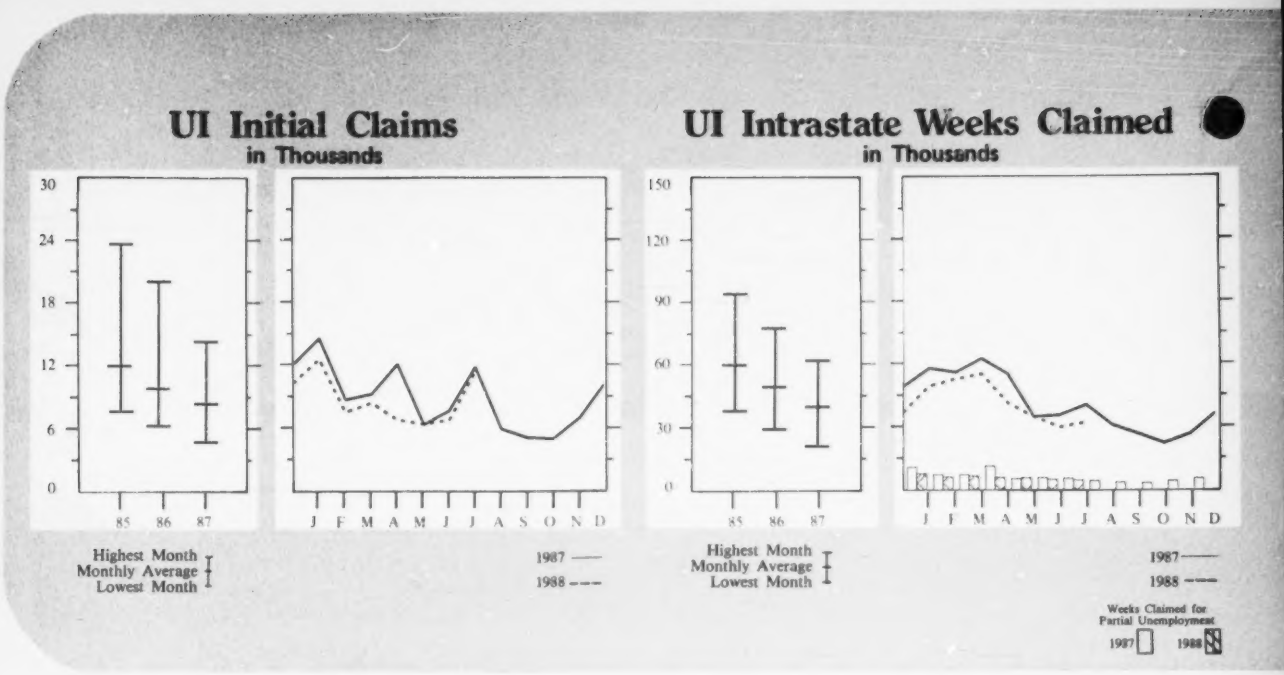
WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Distribution of Establishments and Employment by Size Groups
March 1987



Although 76.8 percent of all businesses in Maine have fewer than 10 employees, these companies provide only 17.3 percent of all jobs in the state. On the other hand, the largest businesses–those with more than 250 employees–represent only 0.5 percent of all businesses but supply 25.1 percent of all jobs.

This data and more may be obtained from the Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook. See related announcement on page 2.



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELEASES 1987 ECONOMIC HANDBOOK

Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor, John Fitzsimmons, recently announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1987,* which contains detailed employment, earnings, and labor force data, and is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

"The 1987 report is an excellent reference source for businesses, researchers, labor organizations, planners, and consultants," said Fitzsimmons, who described the publication as "a compilation of labor statistics in Maine and a must for analyzing and measuring economic conditions throughout the State."

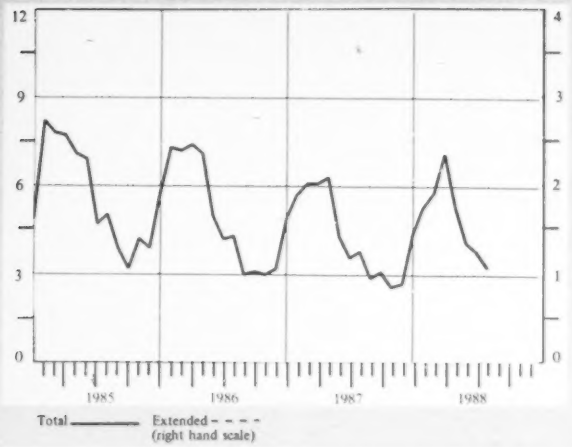
The handbook, now in its seventh year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the State, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the State and major labor market areas; key Unemployment Insurance and Job Service program statistics, including claims, payments, and tax rates; as well as definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The *1987 Handbook* is available at $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

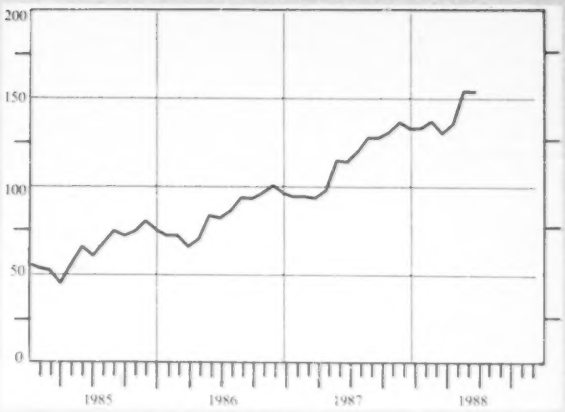
UI Benefit Payments
In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	530.1	534.7	506.3	129.0	128.7	124.7	40.0	41.3	39.0
Total Manufacturing	103.1	108.6	99.2	16.7	16.4	15.4	9.9	10.5	10.3
Durable Goods	50.9	51.0	46.8	8.4	8.1	7.1	2.8	2.9	2.7
Lumber and Wood Products	13.4	13.1	14.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.8	4.8	4.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.7	11.9	9.8	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.6	12.6	10.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	5.1	4.6	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	52.2	57.6	52.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.1	7.6	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.5	7.5	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	4.8	6.6	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.0	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.6	3.1	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.7	16.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.9	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	9.6	12.0	11.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	10.1	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	2.9	2.5	*	*	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.0	426.1	407.1	112.3	112.3	109.3	30.1	30.8	28.7
Construction and Mining	38.0	36.7	34.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	2.6	2.4	2.4
Building Construction	13.7	13.1	12.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	0.7	0.7	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	17.0	16.7	15.4	5.4	5.3	5.0	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.7	21.5	20.7	5.9	6.0	6.1	1.5	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.1	24.5	10.1	10.1	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	111.6	110.1	106.3	27.9	27.3	27.4	8.0	8.0	7.7
Food Stores	20.4	20.6	19.6	4.7	4.6	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	39.4	37.4	35.8	9.2	8.6	8.9	2.5	2.5	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.7	25.6	25.5	12.9	12.8	12.6	2.5	2.5	2.2
Banking	9.3	9.3	8.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	9.9	9.9	10.3	6.1	6.1	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	123.7	116.9	116.3	31.3	31.2	29.6	10.0	10.4	9.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.9	10.8	14.2	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Business Services	12.5	12.4	12.1	5.5	5.3	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Health Services	43.0	43.0	40.0	10.3	10.3	9.9	4.3	4.3	4.2
Federal Government	18.6	18.6	18.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	62.3	71.6	60.9	11.9	12.9	12.0	3.1	3.6	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.6	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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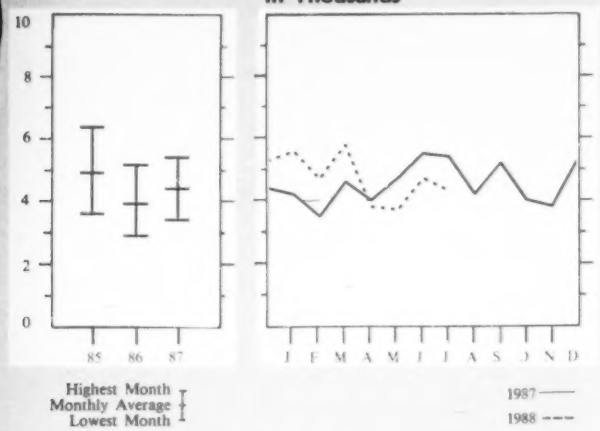
New Applications For Work

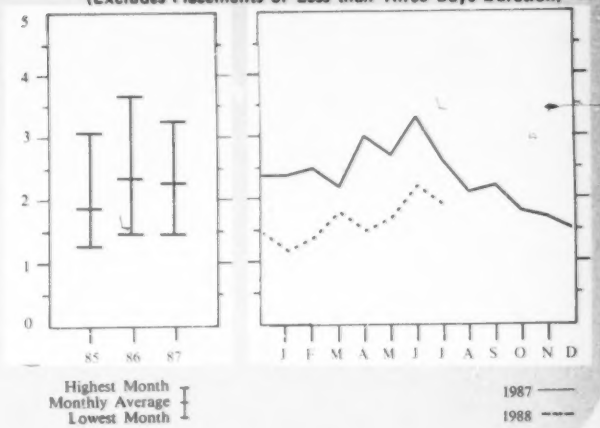
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$371.99	$363.01	$359.04	39.7	40.2	40.8	$9.37	$9.03	$8.80	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	349.34	343.17	344.03	40.2	41.0	41.4	8.69	8.37	8.31	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	360.30	328.78	329.01	39.9	39.9	41.7	9.03	8.24	7.89	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.15	392.03	356.45	41.2	43.9	39.3	8.79	8.93	9.07	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	416.07	432.31	358.78	48.1	50.8	39.6	8.65	8.51	9.06	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	318.42	334.84	320.66	36.6	39.3	39.2	8.70	8.52	8.18	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	342.31	329.64	368.03	40.8	40.2	43.4	8.39	8.20	8.48	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	394.74	379.64	373.18	39.2	39.3	40.3	10.07	9.66	9.26	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	298.75	279.37	274.06	38.9	37.2	38.6	7.68	7.51	7.10	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	287.52	292.30	281.25	37.3	39.5	37.5	7.71	7.40	7.50	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	196.48	215.34	200.33	32.0	34.4	34.6	6.14	6.26	5.79	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	619.92	615.47	607.90	43.2	43.1	44.6	14.35	14.28	13.63	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	247.96	244.49	237.88	37.4	37.1	38.0	6.63	6.59	6.26	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	320.53	329.72	332.88	36.8	38.7	41.3	8.71	8.52	8.06	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	388.40	386.04	353.99	40.5	41.2	38.9	9.59	9.37	9.10	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	291.90	318.00	293.53	35.0	39.9	40.1	8.34	7.97	7.32	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	272.6	269.3	269.6
Unemployed	15.7	11.4	19.0
(Percent)	5.8%	4.2.%	7.0%
Resident Employed	256.9	257.9	250.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	118.5	118.0	113.8	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.1%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	612.7	607.1	614.6	583.6	584.9	581.5	29.1	22.2	33.1	4.7	3.7	5.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,100	41,800	43,500	40,300	40,600	41,600	1,800	1,200	1,900	4.3	2.9	4.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,400	42,100	42,700	38,800	40,200	39,600	3,600	1,900	3,100	8.5	4.5	7.3
Portland MSA	127,400	126,500	128,900	124,800	123,900	125,200	2,600	2,600	3,700	2.0	2.1	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	137,100	135,700	n/a	135,100	132,100	n/a	2,000	3,600	n/a	1.5	2.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,600	34,380	35,520	33,230	33,250	33,140	1,370	1,130	2,380	4.0	3.3	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	29,390	29,560	29,600	28,750	28,890	27,840	640	670	1,760	2.2	2.3	5.9
Belfast	11,880	12,060	12,540	10,750	11,000	11,640	1,130	1,060	900	9.5	8.8	7.2
Biddeford	30,400	28,710	28,150	28,270	28,070	27,020	2,130	640	1,130	7.0	2.2	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,260	16,760	17,730	16,990	16,410	17,110	270	350	620	1.6	2.1	3.5
Calais-Eastport	15,070	14,830	15,140	13,780	13,510	13,680	1,290	1,320	1,460	8.6	8.9	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,560	21,910	21,770	19,970	20,240	19,600	1,590	1,670	2,170	7.4	7.6	10.0
Central Penobscot	2,790	2,840	2,660	2,650	2,740	2,490	140	100	170	5.0	3.5	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,010	7,010	6,870	6,380	6,660	6,470	630	350	400	9.0	5.0	5.8
Ellsworth	26,350	25,020	26,440	25,590	24,250	25,610	760	770	830	2.9	3.1	3.1
Farmington	12,700	12,210	11,870	11,590	11,570	10,790	1,110	640	1,080	8.7	5.2	9.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,960	4,700	5,320	4,750	4,330	4,860	210	370	460	4.2	7.9	8.6
Greenville	1,500	1,330	1,510	1,470	1,290	1,480	30	40	30	2.0	3.0	2.0
Houlton	6,060	6,310	6,620	5,680	6,000	5,940	380	310	680	6.3	4.9	10.3
Kittery-York 3/	30,240	30,460	30,580	29,950	30,170	30,190	290	290	390	1.0	1.0	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,760	5,710	5,730	5,240	5,340	5,330	520	370	400	9.0	6.5	7.0
Livermore Falls	4,290	4,400	4,590	3,860	4,100	4,310	430	300	280	10.0	6.8	6.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,080	3,960	3,960	3,770	3,680	3,550	310	380	410	7.6	7.1	10.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,880	4,080	4,240	3,680	3,770	4,040	200	310	200	5.2	7.6	4.7
Norway-Paris	13,120	13,070	13,310	12,580	12,600	12,180	540	470	1,130	4.1	3.6	8.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,410	2,500	2,490	2,330	2,360	2,350	80	140	140	3.3	5.6	5.6
Rockland	19,300	19,400	19,280	18,820	18,930	18,780	480	470	500	2.5	2.4	2.6
Rumford	8,410	8,560	8,600	7,790	7,890	7,870	620	670	730	7.4	7.8	8.5
Sanford	17,750	16,910	15,450	16,380	16,380	14,850	1,370	530	600	7.7	3.1	3.9
Sebago Lakes Region	13,500	12,120	14,000	13,190	11,750	13,490	310	370	510	2.3	3.1	3.6
Skowhegan	22,550	23,470	23,390	20,480	22,080	20,510	2,070	1,390	2,880	9.2	5.9	12.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,370	10,510	9,720	9,060	10,020	9,100	1,310	490	620	12.6	4.7	6.4
Waterville	23,560	24,020	24,490*	22,680	23,020	22,900*	880	1,000	1,590*	3.7	4.2	6.5*
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,761.9	1,752.5	n/a	1,708.9	1,694.1	n/a	53.0	58.4	n/a	3.0	3.3
Massachusetts	3,200.0	3,217.0	3,143.0	3,085.0	3,106.0	3,062.8	116.0	110.0	80.2	3.6	3.4	2.6
New Hampshire	n/a	609.2	604.0	n/a	597.1	587.2	n/a	12.1	16.8	n/a	2.0	2.8
Rhode Island	519.3	527.4	521.7	502.2	511.1	499.2	17.1	16.3	22.5	3.3	3.1	4.3
Vermont	300.0	299.9	300.9	293.1	292.3	291.3	7.0	7.6	9.6	2.3	2.5	3.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,021.5	6,936.7	n/a	6,800.3	6,716.1	n/a	221.2	220.6	n/a	3.2	3.2
UNITED STATES 4/	123,888	123,028	122,105	117,066	116,209	114,652	6,823	6,819	7,453	5.5	5.5	6.1

* July 1987 estimate is updated. Final 1987 estimates for all areas will be available in February 1989.

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

NOTE: n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,703	4,693	7,844	631	530	756	1,283	464	915
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	3.4	1.2	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.6	11.2	11.1
Clerical and Sales	16.2	16.9	18.8
Service	9.4	9.6	9.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	2.6	1.4
Processing	8.0	7.3	6.4
Machine Trades	11.5	9.8	10.6
Benchwork	11.9	9.8	13.3
Structural Work	14.4	17.3	14.0
Miscellaneous	15.6	15.5	14.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	52.5	55.0	54.4
Under 22	4.4	3.8	4.7
22-24	6.0	6.4	8.2
25-34	29.1	30.5	29.2
35-39	13.0	14.3	12.3
Total 40 and Over	47.5	45.0	45.6
40-44	11.6	11.1	11.7
45-54	18.0	17.5	17.1
55-64	12.4	13.2	11.6
65 and Over	5.5	3.2	5.2

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